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Applicant (s): Franco Codignola

For: Poly- β -carboxyacrylamide polymer, use thereof and process
for preparing the same

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